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PRAIRIE VILLAGE MAN CHARGED WITH TRAVELING IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE TO HAVE SEX WITH A MINOR

Kansas City, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Craig Phillips Ivancic**, 29, Prairie Village, Kansas, currently in custody, was charged Sept. 10 by criminal complaint with one count of traveling in interstate commerce on Sept. 9, 2004, for the purpose of engaging in a sexual act with a minor. In a second count, Ivancic was charged with violating interstate commerce law by using a telephone to attempt to persuade a minor to have sex with him.

Melgren said an affidavit filed with the court alleges that from Aug. 30, 2004, through Sept. 9, 2004, Ivancic communicated by email and cellular telephone text messaging with what he thought was a 14-year-old girl. In fact, the messages were received by a member of the FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force who had assumed the identity of a girl Ivancic had contacted. The affidavit alleges that Ivancic used his cellular phone, his Johnson County Parks and Recreation email account and his personal email account to send messages expressing his interest in a sexual relationship with a minor.

The affidavit alleges that Ivancic chatted in real time using America Online Instant Messenger under the screen name “nacimer” and that he offered to come to the minor’s home in Clay County, Missouri, while her parents were out of town Sept. 9, 2004. The affidavit alleges Ivancic sent a message Sept. 9, 2004, stating that he had just gone to the store and purchased condoms. The affidavit alleges that on Sept. 9, 2004, agents followed Ivancic as he drove from his home in Prairie Village to the driveway of the minor’s Clay County residence and arrested him there.

Ivancic is currently in custody and made his initial appearance today in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Kansas. He is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sept. 16 for preliminary hearing..

A conviction on the count involving crossing state lines would carry a penalty of up to 30

years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. A conviction on the count involving use of a phone would carry a sentence of not less than five years and not more than 30 years and a fine of up to \$250,000. The case was investigated by the FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Berger.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The charges filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.